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1. In mid-January 1953, the designations, substitute designations, locations and commanders of the Kwangsi 19 and 20 Public Security Divisions and of the battalions under the Kwangsi special commissioners' offices (1413/5002)¹ were as follows:

- a. The 57 Regiment, 19 Public Security Division,² which in September 1952 was transferred to Liuchou (N 24-18, E 109-16) from Canton to be assigned railway garrison duties by the Liuchou Railway Administration Office, was at Liuchou under the command of SHIH Chia-sheng (0670/1367/5116). The substitute designation of the 57 Regiment was the 109 Troop Unit.
- b. The headquarters of the 20 Public Security Division,³ which was also known as the 210 Troop Unit, was at Nanning under the command of WANG K'uei-hsien (3769/1145/0341). The 58 Regiment, with the substitute designation 321 Troop Unit, was also at Nanning under the command of WANG Kuo-chu (3769/0948/2691). The 59 Regiment, with the substitute designation 322 Troop Unit, was at Wuchou (N 23-28, E 111-19) under CHAO Ai-min (2156/1947/3046). The 60 Regiment, which had the substitute designation 323 Troop Unit, was at Ch'inchou (N 21-58, E 108-37) under WU Jui-wei (0124/3843/0251).⁴

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- c. The 1 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 51 Troop Unit, was at P'inghsiang (N 22-06, E 106-44) under KENG Chih (5105/4160).
- d. The 2 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 52 Troop Unit, was at Ishan (N 24-33, E 108-38) under the command of LIU Yuan-sheng (0491/6678/3932).
- e. The 3 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 53 Troop Unit, was at Ch'inchou under the command of CH'EN Ming-chiang (7115/2494/3068).
- f. The 4 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 54 Troop Unit, was at Junghsien (N 22-54, E 110-34) under SHEN T'ien-i (3947/1131/0001).
- g. The 5 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 55 Troop Unit, was at Paise (N 23-55, E 106-34) under OU Chen (0575/6966).³
- h. The 6 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 56 Troop Unit, was at Kweilin under YANG Hsiung-fei (7122/7160/7378).
- i. The 7 Public Security Battalion, which was also known as the 57 Troop Unit, was at Hohsien (N 24-23, E 111-31) under CHANG Hung (4545/1347).
2. On 1 March 1953 the Western Kwangsi Special Region Garrison Command replaced the Special Region Control Committee⁵ as the unit responsible for maintaining local security in the Western Kwangsi Special Region. The Garrison Command, which was commanded by T'AN Ying-chi (6009/2019/2894)⁶ had been organized and expanded⁷ from the Control Committee and had one division of the 45 Army⁸ and four public security battalions under its command. The headquarters of the Garrison Command was at Nanning, with subordinate commands at Paise and P'inghsiang. The garrison area of the Paise sub-region command comprised the hsien of Paise, T'ienhsi (N 24-26, E 106-05), T'ientung (N 23-37, E 107-06), Chinghsi (N 23-09, E 106-25), and Yangli (N 22-48, E 107-23). The garrison area of the P'inghsiang sub-region comprised the hsien of P'inghsiang, Chennan (N 22-09, E 107-07)⁹, Tunghsing (N 21-33, E 107-58), Lichiang (N 22-22, E 106-56),¹⁰ and Ssulo (N 22-10, E 107-35).
3. The Western Kwangsi Special Region Garrison Command and the Southern Yunnan Special Region Garrison Command had similar organization and contiguous garrison areas.
4. After the establishment of the Western Kwangsi Special Region Garrison Command, the production and communication departments of the former Control Committee¹¹ were transferred to the South China Reclamation Bureau and to the Kwangsi Transportation Bureau respectively. Special controls on rail communications between Nanning and P'inghsiang were rescinded.¹²
1. Comment. Each special commissioner's office had one battalion under it.
- Comment. Here, as in previous reports from this source on public security units in Kwangsi, a distinction is implied between two apparently different types of public security forces with different numbering systems, although the precise basis for this distinction has never been made clear. A similar situation apparently exists in Yunnan, where public security divisions bearing designations 100-110 have been tentatively accepted and where public security regiments with designations in the 1-10 numbering block have also been reported. Possibly two distinct types of forces with a confusing common designation are involved; e.g. the 20 Public Security Division here reported may be a military force under the army control and the 1-7 Public Security Battalions may be paramilitary forces with a civil subordination. which reported the reorganization of Kwangsi public security forces on a divisional basis in May 1951.

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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. This office has no record of a 19 Public Security Division in Kwangsi, and, in view of the presumably local nature of public security forces, considers the movement of a public security regiment from one province to another rather unlikely. 25X1
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. For previous reports from this source on the organization and disposition of the 20 Public Security Division, []
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The presence of these three regiments in the 20 Public Security Division (if true) may represent an increase in the size of the division. [] from the same source stated that one of the tasks of the 20 Public Security Division for the first half of 1952 was expansion to three regiments and one specialized regiment.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. This committee is presumably the "special control committee" formed in November 1952 [] from the same source. 25X1
- 25X1 6. [] Comment. T'AN was reported by an untested source as chairman of a newly established government of the West Kwangsi T'ung Nationality Autonomous Area, as of December 1952. In November 1952 he was commander of the T'ung tribe self-defense army, [] from the 25X1 [] of the present report. He was also reported in November 1952, by the New China News Agency, as director of the Kwangsi Public Security Office.
- 25X1 7. [] Comment. [] stated that the public security forces in the special control district were to be increased. 25X1
- 25X1 8. [] Comment. There have been indications that the 45 Army has moved from the Canton area, where it has been accepted since 1952. This source has consistently reported elements of the 45 Army in Kwangsi; []
- 25X1 9. [] Comment. According to a new atlas published by the Chinese Communists, a Chennan Hsien is northeast of Chennankuan (N 21-58, E 106-41) in the area formerly known as Ningming. The coordinates reported here for Chennan Hsien are those given in TM-30-487 for Ningming, which has been deleted from the atlas.
- 25X1 [] Comment. The change of Ningming to Chennan and of Lungchou to Lichiang was reported by this source in [] 25X1
- 25X1 10. [] Comment. According to a new atlas published by the Chinese Communists, Lichiang is in the area previously known as Lungchou or Luchiang. The coordinates reported here for Lichiang are those given in TM-30-487 for Lungchou.
- 25X1 11. [] Comment. [] these two departments were reported as sections of a special committee set up as a control unit after the establishment of the special control district.
- 25X1 12. [] Comment. [] the Nanning P'inghsiang railroad was under the administration of the special control unit in December 1952. 25X1

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